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SUBJECT:APRIL MILITARY VISITS TO TAIWAN

REFERENCE: (A) TAIPEI 1749, (B) TAIPEI 1897, (C) TAIPEI
1937, (D) TAIPEI,031

1. WHILE WE SHARE YOUR VIEW THAT GENERAL GOURLEY'S PROPOSED
POSED VISIT IS UNNECESSARY, WE WOULD NOT BE ON STRONG
GROUNDS IN SEEKING TO BLOCK IT BECAUSE OF HIS FORMAL
RESPONSIBILITIES AS CINCPAC J-3 FOR THE DEFENSE OF TAIWAN.
WE CHOSE THEREFORE NOT TO GO TO THE MAT ON THIS ONE BE-
CAUSE OF THE DOUBTFUL CHANCES FOR SUCCESS. WE HAVE
ALSO CONCURRED IN RADM. SCHULLER'S TRAVEL FOR FOOD CHAIN.
WE UNDERSTAND THAT SCHULLER WILL BE THE ONLY FLAG RANK
VISITOR INVOLVED IN FOOD CHAIN. MOREOVER, WITH THE CO-
OPERATION OF NSC WE EXPECT TO BRING ABOUT MAJOR CHANGES
IN NEXT YEAR'S FOOD CHAIN.

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2. ALTHOUGH WE DID NOT SEE A COPY OF TAIPEI 1937, WE
DID CLEAR OFF ON AN ORAL TRAVEL REQUEST FOR THREE NAVAL
WAR COLLEGE FACULTY MEMBERS (WEST AND PARTY). WE DIDN'T
LIKE THE IDEA, AND OUR DECISION WAS A BORDERLINE ONE WHICH
WAS FINALLY INFLUENCED BY THE LOW VISIBILITY OF THE PRO-
POSED VISIT.

3. WE APPRECIATE YOUR ALERTING US TO LINSSENMEYER'S PROPOSED TRAVEL WITH THE ARMY MATERIAL SYSTEMS ANALYSIS AGENCY TEAM. IT STRIKES US THAT HE IS VISITING FAR TOO FREQUENTLY AND WE ARE SEEKING TO TURN OFF THE TAIWAN PORTION OF HIS TRIP.

4. WE URGE YOU TO CONTINUE WITH YOUR HELPFUL COMMENTS ON PROPOSED DOD VISITS. WHILE WE ARE ANXIOUS TO KEEP THESE VISITS TO A MINIMUM, IN SOME CASES EXISTING DOD PRACTICES (E.G., COMMANDER'S QUOTE RIGHT UNQUOTE TO VISIT HIS FIELD OPERATIONS) COMPLICATE OUR EFFORTS AND INTRODUCE THE NEED FOR SELECTIVITY. IN ANY EVENT, WE BELIEVE THAT OUR COMBINED EFFORTS HAVE SUCCEEDED IN IMPRESSING THE MILITARY WITH THE SENSITIVITIES SURROUNDING VISITS TO TAIWAN.
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